

Classroom Accommodations to Help Students With Dysgraphia

What classroom accommodations can help students with dysgraphia learn despite having challenges with writing? Here are some ways teachers can make all aspects of writing easier.

For Speed of Writing



- Give the student extra time to take notes, copy material and take tests.
- Provide typed copies of classroom notes.
- Allow the student to record certain class sessions or use a laptop for writing.
- Allow the student to start writing projects and assignments early.
- Provide paper with name, date, title, etc., already filled in.

For Amount of Writing



- Provide a lesson outline for taking notes.
- Request a scribe so the student can dictate on tests and writing assignments.
- Grade based on what the student knows, not on handwriting or spelling.
- Hand out worksheets so there's less to copy from the board.

For Difficulty



- Give examples of finished assignments.
- Help the student break writing assignments into steps.
- Help the student learn to use a rubric, and explain how each step is graded.
- Let the student have a "proofreader" to look for errors.

For the Mechanics of Writing



- Let the student choose to either print or use cursive.
- Have the student try different types of pens or pencils to see what works best.
- Have the student use graph paper or lined paper sideways to line up math problems.
- Provide paper with raised or different-colored lines to help with forming letters in the right space.